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25. The compound according to claim 4, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group substituted with a carboxyl group.

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26. The compound according to claim 5, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group substituted with a carboxyl group.

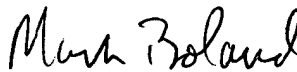
27. The compound according to claim 6, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group substituted with a carboxyl group.

28. The compound according to claim 7, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group substituted with a carboxyl group.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants have amended the form of original multiple dependent claims, and added new single dependent claims. Entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

5. The compound according to ~~claims 3 or 4~~claim 3, wherein at least one of V^1 , V^2 and V^3 is a group selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an alkenyl group, and alkynyl group, an aryl group, a heterocyclic group, cyano group, an alkylthio group, and arylthio group, a heterocyclylthio group, an alkylsulfonyl group, and an arylsulfonyl group.

6. The compound according to ~~claims 3 or 4~~claim 3, wherein at least one of V^1 , V^2 and V^3 is a group selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an alkynyl group, an aryl group and an heterocyclic group.

7. The compound according to ~~claims 3 or 4~~claim 3, wherein at least one of V^1 , V^2 and V^3 is an aryl group substituted with a sulfo group or a salt thereof, a heterocyclic group substituted with a sulfo group or a salt thereof, or an alkynyl group substituted with a sulfo group or salt thereof.

8. The compound according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 7~~claim 3, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group or aryl group substituted with a reactive substituent that can form a covalent bond, an inonic bond, or a coordinate bond with a substance to be labeled.

9. The compound according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 7~~claim 3, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group or aryl group substituted with a group that can form a covalent bond with amino group, hydroxyl group, or thiol group of a substance to be labeled.

10. The compound according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 7~~claim 3, wherein at least on of R^1 and R^2 is an alkyl group substituted with carboxyl group.

Claims 14-28 are added as new claims.